Session/Meeting Name: Systems Meet-up
Date, Time: Mon. April 2, 2012, 10am-11am

Moderators: Lily Pregill
Recorder: Lily Pregill

Purpose: Ad-hoc meet-up to discuss systems, the ILS marketplace, integration, challenges, successes, etc.

Present:
Sherman Clarke, arctcataloging.net
Samuel Duncan, Amon Carter Museum of American Art
Roger Lawson, National Gallery of Art
Dan Lipcan, Metropolitan Museum of Art
John Maier, Pratt Institute
Maria Oldal, Morgan Library & Museum
Lily Pregill, New York Art Resources Consortium
Daniel Starr, Metropolitan Museum of Art

Are we a Special Interest Group (SIG)?
The group talked about the need for a systems focused meeting separate from the cataloging discussions. Systems discussions have been happening in the hallways between sessions at ARLIS and it would be good to have a place to share expertise and experiences. While system issues are of interest to catalogers, a systems-specific group could be used to look at the marketplace and issues of implementation and integration outside of cataloging. A discussion about creating a SIG ensued. The group discussed the problem of trying to fit another meeting into an already hectic conference schedule. It was decided that we would arrange another informal meeting in Pasadena. We will publicize the meeting early in conference planning and think creatively about a venue and time for the meeting. Might a restaurant/bar meet-up in the evening work? The group will coalesce around an agenda for next year and think about options.

ILS Marketplace
The systems represented in the room:

Ex Libris - Aleph (Amon Carter)
Ex Libris - Voyager (Morgan and NGA)
Innovative - Millennium (Met, Pratt, and NYARC)

The Morgan and NGA are moving to the Tomcat version of Voyager which will give them greater interface flexibility. The ILS market place is in flux with new systems in various stages of development promising increased functionality. Alma (http://www.exlibrisgroup.com/category/AlmaOverview) is the new platform from Ex Libris and the Getty is an Early Adopter. Development partners are Princeton, Boston College, Purdue, and University of Leuven in Belgium. Sierra (http://sierra.iii.com) is Innovative’s new cloud-based platform with a service oriented architecture (SOA). Sites are beginning to move to Sierra, but the platform is still under development. OCLC’s WorldShare
platform leverages WorldCat data and the broader network to streamline library workflows. New functionality here, but some basic functionality is still under development. Koha, the open-source ILS, is in use at Mount Vernon (http://librarycatalog.mountvernon.org/) and the Rijksmuseum (http://library.rijksmuseum.nl/). The NYARC group has been in touch with the Rijksmuseum to get an update on their system and any development work they have underway. Those present were generally monitoring developments in the marketplace with no firm plans to move in any direction.

The Met and the Art Institute of Chicago have recently moved to a server hosting arrangement with Innovative for their Millennium systems. NYARC is considering also making this move.

ILS integration of RDA might be a good topic for Pasadena.

**Building a Systems Resource**

There is interest in surveying the ARLIS community re: systems use, developing a list of resources (listservs, publications, and conferences) systems staff use for education and keeping current on technical issues, and identifying expertise and/or interest in systems and related technologies. The idea here is to build a bureau of technical experts to share their knowledge in specific areas and distribute the load of keeping up on various systems/technologies across the community. These experts could then track these systems/technologies as it relates to our work and report at the annual meeting. Potentially, the resource list could be hosted on the ARLIS/NA website and space could be provided there for a systems forum.

*Action Item: Lily will draft a survey to be distributed on ARLIS-l to gather information about systems, use, educational resources, and identify experts and interest in participation in a systems/tech bureau. The draft will be circulated among those present at the systems meet-up for feedback.*